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Department nabs monthly award from Sun Belt Conference



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NEW ORLEANS – Georgia Southern was announced Tuesday as the winners of the Sun Belt Conference's Monthly Community Service Award for the month of April.

Impressively, the Eagle baseball team raised \$11,618 for the Vs. Cancer Foundation - a non-profit organization dedicated to fund lifesaving childhood cancer efforts. Student-athletes from the baseball team shaved their heads to support the cause and far exceeded their goal of \$8,000. Half of the proceeds will go toward national childhood cancer research, while the remaining half will be donated to a local children's hospital.

Eagle student-athletes also recently raised \$1,222.14 for the American Cancer Society at the Bulloch County Relay for Life. Nearly 200 student-athletes participated in the event by lining the track for the Survivors Walk and then walked laps with the community for support of the American Cancer Society.

Student-athletes also collected 45,431 can tabs that will be donated to Ronald McDonald House with the goal of helping breast cancer patients with treatment. Other community service projects by Georgia Southern in April included volunteering in a local Red Cross blood drive and collecting toiletry items to be donated to Safe Haven – a battered women's shelter.

The Sun Belt Community Service Initiative is a monthly competition that encourages student-athletes to get involved in their communities. Point totals are awarded based on a number of factors and the school with the most monthly points is recognized as the winner for that month. The school with the most monthly wins will be the winner of the overall competition.

April Community Service Initiative Point Totals

1. Georgia Southern - 72,915

2. South Alabama - 27,070

3. UL Lafayette - 12,133

4. Texas State - 9,142

5. UT Arlington - 5,111

6. Georgia State - 2,647

7. Little Rock - 816

8. Troy - 491

9. Appalachian State - 310

10. Arkansas State - 216

11. UL Monroe - 0

Previous Winners

September: Little Rock

October: UL Lafayette

November: UT Arlington

December: UT Arlington

January: Troy

February: UT Arlington

March: UT Arlington

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